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Attorney Docket No.: 2004_0449

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Title: Optical Disc and Optical Disc Address Reading Apparatus and Method

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)☐ Power of Attorney11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449☐ Copies of IDS Citations13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)

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